Subject No. 46.
Sub-Registrars to be in charge of Lock-ups during the absence of Munsiffs.

Summary of discussion.—Amildars have to attend to lock-up work during the absence of Munsiffs. Sub-Registrars should be placed in subordination to Amildars and deputed for this work. They should be required to hold their office in a portion of the Taluk Cutcherry.

Reply of Government.—This is being gradually done.

Subject No. 47.
Depositions given before Taluk Magistrates should be signed by those who give them.

Summary of discussion.—Persons giving depositions before Taluk Magistrates should be required to affix their signatures thereto.

Reply of Government.—The present practice is in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure and needs no alteration.

Subject No. 48.
Honorary Magistrates and Judges.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Patels of villages may be empowered to try Civil suits of the value of Rs. 20 and under and petty Criminal cases. A draft Regulation was published some time ago but nothing more was done. Effect may now be given to it in some select localities at least. In the bordering district of South Canara, patels have been exercising the power from 1814.

(*b*) The establishment of Village Panchayat Courts is desirable in the interests of the public. The arrangement may be tried as an experimental measure in some places at least.

(*c*) In the trial of Criminal and Revenue Cases, a panchayat consisting of respectable persons should be associated with Amildars.

Reply of Government.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*). The Government have given the subject their careful consideration and are of opinion that the time has not yet arrived for giving effect to the measures advocated.

Subject No. 49.
One anna stamp to bear the stamp of year.

Summary of discussion.—In order to guard against the fabrication of receipts and promissory notes, the year of the issue of one anna stamps should be worked into such stamps.

Reply of Government.—Arrangements have been made to have the year of manufacture impressed on such stamps.

Subject No. 50.
Limit to the number of adjournments in Civil cases.

Summary of discussion.—A limit should be placed upon the number of adjournments in Civil cases which at present are very frequent.

Other Members joined in the discussion and complained of inordinate delays and frequent adjournments causing heavy loss and serious inconvenience.

Reply of Government.—This will be referred to the Chief Court for enquiry and issue of suitable orders.

Subject No. 51.
(a) Reduction of Court fees in certain cases.

Summary of discussion.—In suits of the value of less than one thousand rupees which are numerous, the Court fee may be reduced to 5 per cent *ad valorem*.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

(b) Refund of half the Court fees.

Summary of discussion.—Half the Court fees should be refunded when cases are withdrawn or decided exparte.

(*c*) Half the value of Court fees may be refunded in admission cases.

(*d*) In Civil cases compromised out of Court, half the Court fees may be refunded.

Reply of Government.—(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*). A draft Regulation providing for refund in such cases is under consideration.

Subject No. 52. Increase in the number of Munsiffs.

Summary of discussion.—Cases are frequently adjourned in the Munsiffs' Courts for want of time. To obviate the inconvenience arising therefrom, the number of Munsiffs may be increased so that there may be one Munsiff for every thousand or thousand two hundred cases per annum. A suitable re-adjustment of Territorial jurisdiction of Courts is also desirable. The Additional Munsiff's Court of Mysore may advantageously be located elsewhere. Hunsur and Chamrajnagar should have Munsiffs' Courts.

Mr. Nanjunda Rao of Davangere stated that a Munsiff's Court should be established at Davangere.

Reply of Government.—The question of establishing a Munsiff's Court at Davangere is under consideration. The complaint as regards frequent adjournments will be referred to the Chief Court for enquiry and disposal.

Subject No. 53. Erection of Court buildings.

Summary of discussion.—Decent buildings should be erected for the Courts of Sub-Division Officers and Munsiffs. The Munsiff of Nanjangud now holds his Court in a private dwelling house which he will have to vacate when required by the owner.

Reply of Government.—This is being done as far as possible.

Subject No. 54. Establishment of Small Cause Courts.

Summary of discussion.—In taluks where there are no Munsiffs' Courts, either the Amildar or the Sub-Registrar may be given Small Cause Powers in respect of petty suits of Rs. 5 or 10 in value.

Reply of Government.—Not practicable or expedient to do so.

Subject No. 55. Amildars to register documents when they go out to villages.

Summary of discussion.—Amildars may be authorized to register documents presented to them when they are on tour.

Reply of Government.—This is impracticable. Amildars cannot carry the necessary Registers, &c., with them.

Subject No. 56. Payment of decree amount by judgment debtor.

Summary of discussion.—The Civil Law may be altered so that the judgment debtor can pay into court the amount due at any time before the sale is confirmed by a court and that, in case of such payment, the sale concluded but not confirmed can be set aside as in British India.

Reply of Government.—The subject of the introduction of Act No. V of 1894 into Mysore will be considered.